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India has killed Fouchow, and the wound has been more fatal than at other seasons, because of the loss of the opium. Foreigners have been more numerous than ever, and the trade which would support them when tea failed off. He hopes that foreign commerce would find a ready market, however the market has melted, and the sale of foreign goods has been reduced to a small and a casual business. The total net foreign income into Fouchow in 1880, exclusive of opium, were valued at Hailoon tale \$1,68,927, while the exports to foreign countries were Tls. 3,35,950. Mr. Palm, the British Consul, 1880 makes a very good account for the poverty of the foreign import trade, which was over Tls. 300,000 in 1839 than in 1888. The unfortunate result remains that Fouchow as a port of call for foreign goods, and in the opinion of the mission that it was, continues to dwindle, and the public taste in England reverts to China real-leaf tea, or there is such an improvement in their quality, or reduction in their cost, as will enable them to compete with the tea produced by the Indian product.

**Quotations.**  
HONGKONG, June 27.

PIUM—New Patna, cash...	485/00
"    "    "    "    "    "    "	Old .....
"    "    "    "    "    "    "	New Benares, cash, 485 .....
"    "    "    "    "    "    "	Old .....
"    "    "    "    "    "    "	New Malwa, cash, 520/530 .....
"    "    "    "    "    "    "	Allowance, Tael, 48/04 .....
"    "    "    "    "    "    "	Old Malwa, cash... 540 .....
"    "    "    "    "    "    "	Allowance, Tael... 16/48 .....
"    "    "    "    "    "    "	Persian, Oil, cash 500/320 .....
"    "    "    "    "    "    "	Allowance, Tael... 32/48 .....
"    "    "    "    "    "    "	Persian, Paper rice 530/540 .....
"    "    "    "    "    "    "	Allowance, Tael... 32/48 .....

Exchange.	
Hongkong, June 27.	
On London—	
Bank, Wire, .....	3/4
On demand, .....	3/4
30 days' sight, .....	3/4
4 months' sight, .....	3/8
Credit, 4 .....	3/8
Documentary, 4 months' sight, .....	3/8
'n Paris—	
On demand, .....	4.27
Credit, 4 months' sight, .....	4.37
'n Berlin .....	4.35
On demand, .....	4.45
On New York—	
On demand, .....	83
Credit, 60 days' sight, .....	84 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire, .....	21
On demand, .....	22 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Wire, .....	21
On demand, .....	22 1/2
On Shanghai .....	22 1/2
On demand, .....	11
30 days' sight, private, .....	23
Overleaf, this day .....	\$31.70, par.
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 6 00	

Temperature.	
Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co's Premises, (Queen's Road).	
BAROMETR—	9 A.M. .... 20.50
Do.	1 P.M. .... 20.78
Do.	4 P.M. .... 20.70
W. BAROMETR—	3 A.M. .... 52
Do.	1 P.M. .... 54
Do.	4 P.M. .... 54
Do.	(Wat. Bulb) 9 A.M. 78
Do.	Do. 1 P.M. 79
Do.	Do. 4 P.M. 79
Do.	Maximum .... 83
Do.	Minimum over night 60

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June 20.—at 4 P.M.

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